

A BIRDER'S CHECKLIST FOR THE OTTAWA - GATINEAU DISTRICT

Compiled by
The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club Birds Committee

This checklist shows a general seasonal status of birds found within a 50-km (30-mile) radius of the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Ontario.

The three major geographical features of the Ottawa district are the Ottawa River, the Canadian Shield to the north and east and the St. Lawrence Lowlands to the south and west. The Ottawa River is a band of water and Riparian habitat. The Shield consists of rocky, deciduous hills with some areas of Boreal affinity. The Lowlands are an open corn belt, in part on the clay bed of the Champlain Sea, that has wooded areas, urban areas and areas of micro-habitat such as Mer Bleue Bog, Richmond Fen, Larose Forest and the sewage lagoons.

Sightings of rare or uncommon birds within the Ottawa circle are of great interest.

If you observe any species coded in **RED** on this checklist, please consider notifying the Birds Records Subcommittee and submitting a Rare Bird Report.

SEASONS	
Spring	March - May
Summer	June - July
Fall	August - November
Winter	December - February

DETECTION CODES

C	Common to Abundant - Found easily in the proper habitat.
U	Uncommon to Fairly Common - Found with some effort.
R	Rare - Found with difficulty or with special effort.
I	Very Rare or Not Normally Present. (Includes Accidentals and Casuals - Exceptional Records).
E	First column to the right of the species, indicates that the species is an erratic visitor
*	First column to the right of the species name, indicates that the species has bred in the district.
?	First column to the right of the species name, indicates that the species is suspected to have the bred in the district, however confirmation is still required.

Family List

[Loons] [Grebes] [Shearwaters & Petrels] [Storm Petrels] [Gannets] [Pelicans] [Cormorants]
[Herons & Bitterns] [Ibises]

[Vultures] [Ducks, Geese & Swans] [Hawks, Kites & Eagles] [Caracaras & Falcons]
[Partridges & Grouse] [Wild Turkeys]

[Rails, Gallinules & Coots] [Cranes] [Plovers] [Stilts & Avocets]

[Sandpipers & Phalaropes] [Skuas, Gulls, Terns & Shimers]

[Auks, Murres & Puffins] [Pigeons & Doves] [Cuckoos & Anis] [Barn Owls] [Typical Owls]
[Goatsucker] [Swifts]

[Hummingbirds] [Kingfishers] [Woodpeckers] [Tyrant Flycatchers] [Shrikes] [Vireos] [Crows & Jays]

[Larks] [Swallows] [Chickadees & Titmice] [Nuthatches] [Creepers] [Wrens]

[Kinglets] [Gnatcatchers] [Thrushes] [Mockingbirds & Thrashers] [Starlings] [Pipits]
[Waxwings]

[Wood Warblers] [Tanagers] [Emberizids] [Cardinals & Allies]

[Blackbirds] [Finches] [Old World Sparrows]

Species		Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
<u>Loons</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
Red-throated Loon		I		R	I
Common Loon	*	C	U	C	I
Yellow-billed Loon		I			
<u>Grebes</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
Pied-billed Grebe	*	U	U	U	I
Horned Grebe		U	I	U	I
Red-necked Grebe		U	I	U	I
Eared Grebe				I	
<u>Shearwaters & Petrels</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
Northern Fulmar				I	I
Manx Shearwater			I		
Audubon's Shearwater				I	
<u>Storm Petrels</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
Wilson's Storm-Petrel				I	
Band-rumped Storm-Petrel				I	
<u>Gannets</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
Northern Gannet				I	I
<u>Pelicans</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
American White Pelican	*	I	I		
<u>Cormorants</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
Double-crested Cormorant	?	U	U	C	I
<u>Hérons Bitterns & Ibises</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
American Bittern	*	U	U	U	
Least Bittern	*	R	R	R	
Great Blue Heron	*	C	C	C	I
Great Egret		I	I	I	
Snowy Egret		I	I		
Little Blue Heron		I	I		
Tricolored Heron		I			
Cattle Egret		I	I	I	
Green Heron	*	U	U	U	

Black-crowned Night-Heron		R	U	U	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		I			
<u>Ibises</u>					Family List
Glossy Ibis		I			
<u>Vultures</u>					Family List
Black Vulture		I			
Turkey Vulture	*	U	U	R	
Species		Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
<u>Ducks, Geese, & Swans</u>					Family List
Fulvous Whistling-Duck		I	I	I	
Greater White-fronted Goose		I		I	I
Snow Goose		U	I	U	I
Ross's Goose		I			
Canada Goose	*	C	U	C	R
Brant	E	R	I	R	I
Mute Swan		I	I	I	
Tundra Swan		I	I	I	
Wood Duck	*	U	U	U	R
Gadwall	*	U	R	U	I
Eurasian Wigeon		I		I	
American Wigeon	*	C	U	C	I
American Black Duck	*	C	U	C	U
Mallard	*	C	C	C	C
Blue-winged Teal	*	C	C	C	I
Northern Shoveler	*	U	R	U	I
Northern Pintail	*	C	U	C	I
Green-winged Teal	*	C	U	C	I
Canvasback		R		R	I
Redhead		R	I	R	I
Ring-necked Duck	*	C	U	C	R
Greater Scaup		U	I	U	R
Lesser Scaup	*	C	R	C	R
King Eider				I	I
Harlequin Duck				I	I

Surf Scoter		R		U	I
White-winged Scoter		U	I	U	I
Black Scoter		I		U	I
Long-tailed Duck		U	I	U	R
Bufflehead		C	I	C	R
Common Goldeneye	*	C	R	C	C
Barrow's Goldeneye		I	I	I	R
Hooded Merganser	*	U	R	C	R
Common Merganser	*	C	U	C	U
Red-breasted Merganser		R	I	R	R
Ruddy Duck	*	R	R	R	I
Species		Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
<u>Hawks, Kites & Eagles</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
Osprey	*	U	U	U	
Swallow-tailed Kite		Pre 1881			
Bald Eagle	*	R	I	R	I
Northern Harrier	*	U	U	U	R
Sharp-shinned Hawk	*	U	U	C	R
Cooper's Hawk	*	U	U	U	R
Northern Goshawk	*	U	U	U	U
Red-shouldered Hawk	*	U	U	R	I
Broad-winged Hawk	*	U	U	U	
Swainson's Hawk				I	
Red-tailed Hawk	*	C	C	C	U
Rough-legged Hawk	E	U	I	U	U
Golden Eagle		I	I	R	I
<u>Caracaras & Falcons</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
American Kestrel	*	C	C	C	U
Merlin	*	R	I	R	I
Gyrfalcon	E	I		I	I
Peregrine Falcon	*	R	I	R	I
<u>Partridges & Grouse</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
Gray Partridge	*	U	U	U	U
Ring-necked Pheasant	*	Nearly Extirpated			

Ruffed Grouse	*	U	U	U	U
Spruce Grouse		Extripated			
<u><i>Rails, Gallinules, Coots & Cranes</i></u>		<u><i>Family List</i></u>			
Yellow Rail	*	R	I	I	
King Rail			I		
Virginia Rail	*	U	U	U	
Sora	*	U	U	U	
Purple Gallinule		I			I
Common Moorhen	*	U	U	U	
American Coot	*	U	U	U	I
<u><i>Cranes</i></u>		<u><i>Family List</i></u>			
Sandhill Crane	*	R	R	R	I
Species		Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
<u><i>Plovers</i></u>		<u><i>Family List</i></u>			
Black-bellied Plover		U	R	U	
American Golden-Plover		I	R	U	
Semipalmated Plover		U	C	U	
Piping Plover		I	I	I	
Killdeer	*	C	C	C	
<u><i>Stilts & Avocets</i></u>		<u><i>Family List</i></u>			
American Avocet		I			
<u><i>Sandpipers & Phalaropes</i></u>		<u><i>Family List</i></u>			
Greater Yellowlegs		U	U	C	
Lesser Yellowlegs		U	U	C	
Spotted Redshank			I		
Solitary Sandpiper		U	U	U	
Willet		I	I	I	
Spotted Sandpiper	*	C	C	C	
Upland Sandpiper	*	U	U	R	
Whimbrel		R	R	I	
Hudsonian Godwit		I	I	R	
Marbled Godwit		I	I		
Ruddy Turnstone		U	R	U	
Red Knot		R	R	R	

Sanderling		R	U	U		
Semipalmated Sandpiper		C	C	C		
Western Sandpiper		I	I	I		
Little Stint			I			
Least Sandpiper		C	C	U		
White-rumped Sandpiper		R	R	U		
Baird's Sandpiper			R	R		
Pectoral Sandpiper		U	U	C		
Purple Sandpiper		I		R		
Dunlin		U	R	C		
Curlew Sandpiper		I				
Stilt Sandpiper		I	R	U		
Buff-breasted Sandpiper			R	R		
Ruff		I	I	I		
Short-billed Dowitcher		U	R	U		
Long-billed Dowitcher			I	R		
Wilson's Snipe	*	C	C	U	I	
American Woodcock	*	C	U	U		
Wilson's Phalarope	*	U	U	R		
Red-necked Phalarope		R	R	U		
Red Phalarope				I		
		Species	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
		<u><i>Skuas, Gulls, Terns & Skimmers</i></u>				<u><i>Family List</i></u>
Pomarine Jaeger				I		
Parasitic Jaeger			I	I		
Long-tailed Jaeger			I			
Laughing Gull		I	I	I		
Franklin's Gull		I	I	I		
Little Gull		I	I	I		
Black-headed Gull				I	I	
Bonaparte's Gull		U	U	U		
Mew Gull				I		
Ring-billed Gull	*	C	C	C	R	
California Gull				I		

Herring Gull	*	C	C	C	R
Thayer's Gull		I		R	R
Iceland Gull		U		U	R
Lesser Black-backed Gull		R	I	R	I
Glaucous Gull		U	I	U	R
Great Black-backed Gull		U	R	C	R
Sabine's Gull				I	
Black-legged Kittiwake		I		I	I
Caspian Tern		I	R	I	
Common Tern	*	U	U	U	
Arctic Tern		R		I	
Forster's Tern		I	I	I	
Black Tern	*	U	U	U	
<u><i>Auks, Murres & Puffins</i></u>		<i>Family List</i>			
Dovekie				I	
Thick-billed Murre		I			I
Atlantic Puffin				I	
<u><i>Pigeons & Doves</i></u>		<i>Family List</i>			
Rock Pigeon	*	C	C	C	C
Mourning Dove	*	C	C	C	U
Passenger Pigeon	?	Extinct			
<u><i>Cuckoos & Anis</i></u>		<i>Family List</i>			
Black-billed Cuckoo	*	U	U	I	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	*	R	R	I	
<u><i>Barn Owls</i></u>		<i>Family List</i>			
Barn Owl	*	I		I	I
<u><i>Typical Owls</i></u>		<i>Family List</i>			
Eastern Screech-Owl	*	U	U	U	R
Great Horned Owl	*	C	C	C	C
Snowy Owl		U	I	U	U
Northern Hawk Owl	E *	I	I	I	R
Barred Owl	*	U	U	U	U
Great Gray Owl	E	R		I	R
Long-eared Owl	*	U	R	R	R

Short-eared Owl	*	R	R	R	I
Boreal Owl	E	I		I	I
Northern Saw-whet Owl	*	U	R	U	R
Species		Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
<u>Goatsuckers</u>					<i>Family List</i>
Common Nighthawk	*	U	U	R	
Whip-poor-will	*	U	U	U	
<u>Swifts</u>					<i>Family List</i>
Chimney Swift	*	U	U	U	
<u>Hummingbirds</u>					<i>Family List</i>
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	*	U	U	R	
<u>Kingfishers</u>					<i>Family List</i>
Belted Kingfisher	*	U	U	U	I
<u>Woodpeckers</u>					<i>Family List</i>
Red-headed Woodpecker	*	R	R	I	I
Red-bellied Woodpecker		I	I	I	I
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	*	C	C	C	I
Downy Woodpecker	*	C	C	C	C
Hairy Woodpecker	*	C	C	C	C
Three-toed Woodpecker	E	R		I	R
Black-backed Woodpecker	E	U	R	R	U
Northern Flicker	*	C	C	C	R
Pileated Woodpecker	*	U	U	U	U
<u>Tyrant Flycatchers</u>					<i>Family List</i>
Olive-sided Flycatcher	*	U	U	R	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	*	C	C	U	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	*	R	R	R	
Alder Flycatcher	*	C	C	U	
Willow Flycatcher	*	R	U	R	
Least Flycatcher	*	C	C	U	
Eastern Phoebe	*	U	U	U	
Great Crested Flycatcher	*	C	C	U	
Cassin's Kingbird				I	
Western Kingbird		I			

Eastern Kingbird	*	C	C	U	
Gray Kingbird				I	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher				I	
<u>Shrikes</u>					<u>Family List</u>
Northern Shrike	E	U		U	U
Loggerhead Shrike	*	R	R	I	
<u>Vireos</u>					<u>Family List</u>
White-eyed Vireo				I	
Blue-headed Vireo	*	U	U	U	
Yellow-throated Vireo	*	R	R	I	
Warbling Vireo	*	C	C	U	
Philadelphia Vireo	*	U	R	R	
Red-eyed Vireo	*	C	C	U	
<u>Crows & Jays</u>					<u>Family List</u>
Gray Jay	E *	R	I	I	R
Blue Jay	*	C	C	C	C
American Crow	*	C	C	C	C
Common Raven	*	U	U	U	U
<u>Larks</u>					<u>Family List</u>
Horned Lark	*	C	U	U	U
<u>Swallows</u>					<u>Family List</u>
Purple Martin	*	U	U	U	
Tree Swallow	*	C	C	U	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	*	U	U	U	
Bank Swallow	*	C	C	U	
Cliff Swallow	*	U	U	U	
Barn Swallow	*	C	C	U	
Species		Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
<u>Chickadees & Titmice</u>					<u>Family List</u>
Black-capped Chickadee	*	C	C	C	C
Boreal Chickadee	E	R		R	R
Tufted Titmouse				I	I
<u>Nuthatches</u>					<u>Family List</u>
Red-breasted Nuthatch	E *	C	C	U	U

White-breasted Nuthatch	*	C	C	C	C
<u>Creepers</u>		Family List			
Brown Creeper	*	C	U	U	U
<u>Wrens</u>		Family List			
Carolina Wren	*	I	I	I	I
House Wren	*	U	U	U	
Winter Wren	*	U	U	U	
Sedge Wren	*	U	U	R	
Marsh Wren	*	U	U	U	
<u>Kinglets</u>		Family List			
Golden-crowned Kinglet	*	C	U	C	R
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	*	C	U	C	I
<u>Gnatcatchers</u>		Family List			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	*	R	R	I	
<u>Thrushes</u>		Family List			
Northern Wheatear		I		I	
Eastern Bluebird	*	U	U	U	
Townsend's Solitaire		I		I	I
Veery	*	C	C	U	
Gray-cheeked Thrush		U		U	
Swainson's Thrush	*	C	U	C	I
Hermit Thrush	*	U	U	U	I
Wood Thrush	*	U	U	U	
Fieldfare					I
American Robin	*	C	C	C	R
Varied Thrush				I	I
<u>Mockingbirds & Thrashers</u>		Family List			
Gray Catbird	*	C	C	U	
Northern Mockingbird	*	R	R	R	R
Brown Thrasher	*	U	U	U	I
<u>Starlings</u>		Family List			
European Starling	*	C	C	C	C
Species		Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
<u>Pipits</u>		Family List			

American Pipit		U	I	C	I
<u>Waxwings</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
Bohemian Waxwing	E	U		U	U
Cedar Waxwing	E*	U	C	U	R
<u>Wood Warblers</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
Blue-winged Warbler		I			
Golden-winged Warbler	*	U	R	I	
Tennessee Warbler	?	C	R	C	
Orange-crowned Warbler		R		U	
Nashville Warbler	*	C	C	C	I
Northern Parula	*	U	R	U	I
Yellow Warbler	*	C	C	C	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	*	C	C	U	
Magnolia Warbler	*	U	U	U	
Cape May Warbler	*	U	R	U	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	*	U	U	U	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	*	C	U	C	R
Black-throated Green Warbler	*	C	C	U	I
Blackburnian Warbler	*	U	U	U	
Yellow-throated Warbler		I		I	I
Pine Warbler	*	U	U	R	I
Prairie Warbler		I	I		
Palm Warbler	*	U	I	U	
Bay-breasted Warbler	?	U	U	U	
Blackpoll Warbler		U	I	U	
Cerulean Warbler	*	R	I		
Black-and-white Warbler	*	C	C	U	
American Redstart	*	C	C	U	
Prothonotary Warbler		I		I	
Worm-eating Warbler		I			
Ovenbird	*	C	C	U	I
Northern Waterthrush	*	C	C	U	
Louisiana Waterthrush		I	I		
Connecticut Warbler		I	I	I	

Mourning Warbler	*	U	U	R	
Common Yellowthroat	*	C	C	U	I
Hooded Warbler		I	I		
Wilson's Warbler		U	U	U	
Canada Warbler	*	U	U	U	
Yellow-breasted Chat		I	I	I	
Species		Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
<u>Tanagers</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
Summer Tanager		I			
Scarlet Tanager	*	C	C	U	
<u>Emberizids</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
Spotted Towhee		I			I
Eastern Towhee	*	U	U	R	I
American Tree Sparrow		C		C	C
Chipping Sparrow	*	C	C	U	I
Clay-colored Sparrow	*	U	U	R	I
Field Sparrow	*	U	U	U	I
Vesper Sparrow	*	U	U	U	I
Lark Sparrow			I		
Savannah Sparrow	*	C	C	C	I
Grasshopper Sparrow	*	U	U	R	
Henslow's Sparrow	*	I	I	I	
Le Conte's Sparrow	*	I	I		
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow			I	I	
Fox Sparrow		U		U	I
Song Sparrow	*	C	C	C	R
Lincoln's Sparrow	*	U	R	U	
Swamp Sparrow	*	C	C	U	I
White-throated Sparrow	*	C	C	C	U
Harris's Sparrow		I		I	I
White-crowned Sparrow	*	U		U	I
Dark-eyed Junco	*	C	U	C	U
Lapland Longspur	E	U		U	U
Snow Bunting		C		C	C

<u>Cardinals & Allies</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
Northern Cardinal	*	U	U	U	U
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	*	C	C	U	I
Indigo Bunting	*	U	C	U	
Dickcissel			I	I	
Species		Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
<u>Blackbirds</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
Bobolink	*	C	C	U	I
Red-winged Blackbird	*	C	C	C	R
Eastern Meadowlark	*	C	C	U	I
Western Meadowlark		I	I	I	
Yellow-headed Blackbird		I	I	I	
Rusty Blackbird		U	I	U	R
Brewer's Blackbird		I		I	
Common Grackle	*	C	C	U	R
Brown-headed Cowbird	*	C	C	U	R
Orchard Oriole		I	I	I	
Baltimore Oriole	*	C	C	U	I
<u>Finches</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
Pine Grosbeak	E	U		U	U
Purple Finch	E *	C	C	U	U
House Finch	*	C	C	C	U
Red Crossbill	E *	U	R	R	U
White-winged Crossbill	E *	I	R	U	U
Common Redpoll	E	U		U	U
Hoary Redpoll	E	R		R	R
Pine Siskin	E *	U	U	U	U
American Goldfinch	*	C	C	C	U
Evening Grosbeak	E *	U	U	C	C
<u>Old World Sparrows</u>		<u>Family List</u>			
House Sparrow	*	C	C	C	C